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NAMUCHIAN CHRISTIANITY CONFESSION OF FAITH

1. We affirm the Nicene Creed as written and established at the Council of Nicaea in 325 and updated in 1014 preceding the East-West Schism. Nicene Christianity is Christianity, but non-Nicene "Christianity" is not Christianity.
2. We also affirm the Ten Commandments, with the most important one being the first one, putting God first in your life.
3. The Holy Trinity cannot be described in an analogy outside of heresy. Humans cannot create something so hard to comprehend.
4. The Bible is the only infallible source of information pertaining to the faith. This confession of faith is not meant to be a replacement or addition to the Bible.
5. The Bible must be interpreted in historical and cultural context. It is sinful to use the Bible out-of-context to justify hatred.
6. We affirm 73 books of the Bible, those are those in the Old and New Testaments as declared canonical in the 397 Synod of Carthage. The whole Bible was written by humans yet inspired by God. When viewed in context, there are no contradictions in the Bible.
7. We affirm that God came down to earth in the form of Jesus, a sinless Man, to save us from our sins. He was born of the Virgin Mary, who was found with child through the Holy Spirit.
8. After 30-something years of life, He was crucified and died, descended into hell to lift up all the righteous people that came before His earthly life, came back to life on earth for 40 days starting on Easter Sunday, 33 and went up to heaven where He intercedes for us until the Second Coming.
9. Jesus was not white. That is a lie propagated by Western media. It is more likely that Jesus was darker-skinned.
10. All churches have flaws, as they are all now directly led by man, and that is okay.
11. A church should provide a group of like-minded believers to those who are in it while upholding what is written in the Bible along with promoting prayer, edification, encouragement, fellowship, loving your neighbor, and doing good.

12. The Church is the group of all Christians spread out across all denominations. Jesus founded the Church, and although that sprang up into all the denominations we have today, we are all still united in Christ.
13. All Christians can be saved, but being a Christian does not guarantee salvation come Judgment Day. Those who have never heard the Gospel can still be saved by the grace of God if they may follow parts of it without them knowing.
14. To be saved, one must have faith in and a relationship with Jesus. We are not perfect, but we can make attempts to sin less.
15. We do not deserve to be saved, as we have all fallen short of the glory of God. Hell is not punishment for sin. God is simply respecting our earthly decisions, whether we spend time with Him a whole lot or only read the Bible for five minutes a day here and there.
16. We cannot earn our salvation. It is a free gift given to us by Jesus through His sinless life and crucifixion that we must accept as evident in our lifestyle to be saved.
17. The grace of God is not a license to sin. We must do our best to sin less in our lives.
18. Do not have the notion that some "good people" who are atheists are not going to be saved, for this is simply untrue. No one is good except God alone. We are all sinners, Christian or not.
19. Only God knows if someone will be saved or not. There is not a canonization process for saints, as everyone who makes it to heaven come Judgement Day is a saint in their own right. God is the only mediator, and we should pray to no one but Him.
20. No one knows when Judgement Day will happen except God the Father. Those who try to make rapture predictions can be considered false prophets.
21. After Judgement Day, there will be a new heaven and new earth for the righteous and forgiven to dwell in for eternity.
22. We affirm the resurrection of the dead at the end of the age. Those in Christ will be raised to eternal life in glorified bodies, while those who reject Him will face eternal separation.
23. Those who never hear the Gospel aren't necessarily damned for eternal separation from God. We know where Christ is, but we don't know where He isn't.
24. Until the end of the age, we are called to resist Satan and his demons through Christ's strength and to fulfill the Great Commission by making disciples of all nations.

25. No one is predestined to be saved or to not be saved. God gave us free will, as love cannot be forced.
26. We must use our free will to choose to follow God. One is not freely choosing if they are forced to believe.
27. The Holy Spirit convicts us when we sin and helps us in reparation of our hearts when we stumble. It is important to not ignore this conviction, as this is one way God speaks to us.
28. Confession of sins should be made to God directly, however confession to those who you have sinned against as a form of reparation should be done if it may be necessary given the situation.
29. God will forgive those who are truly sorry for what they have done and at least make attempts to repent, provided that we forgive others for the wrong they have done to us. We also must forgive ourselves, too. We must not look back on our past wrongdoings and cringe.
30. There is no papacy or anything similar. The operation of a church as if it was a government has proven to be too capable of corruption. Each church facility is to be operated separately by first and foremost the Bible, then these points.
31. It is the job of the churchgoers to discern whether or not their local church is upholding what is written in the Bible and in this confession of faith.
32. A pastor is designated to lead a church service, and they must be male. Whether or not he is celibate is not of concern.
33. Church services should include a sermon, and unless extreme circumstances prevent the following from occurring, worship via music and distribution of the Eucharist.
34. Individual churches should offer tithing for people who may want to donate, but tithing should be voluntary.
35. One way God speaks to us through conviction. If we feel conviction, that can be God communicating with us.
36. We should pray to God throughout every day, just like we would talk to a friend regularly. Prayers can be as formal and thought-out or as informal and spontaneous as a believer wants at their discretion. Praying without really meaning what you say is useless.

37. Prayer should always end with an “In the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, we pray, Amen” or something similar to ensure that only God alone can act on our prayers.
38. The Our Father is the most all-encompassing prayer that can be prayed, and it is recommended that it is prayed often.
39. God speaks to us through the Bible. If we wish to receive answers to our prayers, we must read the Bible.
40. We can worship in a multitude of ways. There is no one best way to worship, although we all have our preferences.
41. Divine intervention is all around us, we must thank God for all that is good in our lives. It is not limited to experiences one could consider “extraordinary”.
42. Baptism should only be done to someone who has accepted Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior as an outward expression of faith.
43. The Eucharist is merely symbolic. It means nothing if there is no inward change associated.
44. It is better to inwardly change to become more Christlike without receiving Communion than to receive Communion and go “mmm bread tasty”.
45. Church services are less about the sacraments and more about fellowship and edification. Going to, say, a Bible study is just as good as going to a church service.
46. Following church tradition is not inherently wrong, but it is important to be careful about putting too much trust in the Church or the Sacraments as opposed to putting all trust in Jesus.
47. We should marry within Christianity, such that our relationships are equally yoked. We affirm marriages between a man and a woman.
48. Same sex marriage is sinful because it is a gateway to homosexual sex, which generally cannot result in procreation.
49. Through marriage, the two become one flesh and can have sex for the purpose of procreation only. This condemns most homosexual sex. It is sinful to have sex for the purpose of pleasure. Contraceptives are never permissible because of this.
50. Marriage may be done either through a church or through the state and should not be forced upon anyone.

51. Divorce is only permissible in the case of the other person in the marriage committing adultery.
52. We must love one another as Jesus has called us to do, and not to ostracize those who might be different than us. Do unto others as done unto you, provided that what others do unto you is good. To not love everyone means you do not love God, as He made everyone.
53. Beware, however, of people who, either intentionally or unintentionally, lead you astray from God. It is better to have Jesus and no earthly friends than to have dozens of earthly friends but not follow Jesus, as Jesus is the only One that is good.
54. We must surround ourselves with people who also want to strengthen their faith in Jesus, regardless of denomination of Christianity. We should not spend so much time arguing over minuscule differences we have between denominations, as we are all followers of Jesus.
55. We must pray for those who are being led astray and those who lead others astray from Christ, that they may find their way to Him either for the first time or again.
56. Children, obey your fathers and mothers, provided that they are not ordering you to do things that go against God's will. When a man marries his wife he leaves his parents and goes off with her, she becomes more of a priority to him than his parents. God should still be everyone's number one priority.
57. God seeks to have a relationship with each and every one of us. As we grow in relationship with Christ, we become more sanctified and become more conformed to Christlikeness.
58. This wanting of a relationship extends to the unborn, too. Abortion is murder and is almost never permissible. The only time it is permitted per our church is if the life of the mother is in serious danger and that by not getting the abortion both the mother and baby would die.
59. Do not be afraid of physical death, as it does not destroy the soul. Even still, you should not be afraid of going to hell. If you have a strong relationship with Jesus and follow His teachings to the best of your ability, He will say "well done, my good and faithful servant. I know you."
60. Those who are killed solely because of their faith in Jesus are considered martyrs.

61. The best way to spread the Word is to live the Word. One cannot just go around preaching and not put what they tell others to do in practice. That is hypocrisy.
62. There are a variety of ways to spread the Word, and some are more effective than others depending on who it is being shared with.
63. When you share the Gospel with someone, you are not doing the conversion. God is working through you to plant a "seed of faith" and convert them.
64. We should not tell people as part of evangelization whether or not they are saved. That's God's job during Judgement Day.
65. God put earthly governments in charge of the world so that there is order, and earthly laws should be followed provided that they do not contradict biblical teachings.
66. There should be separation of church and state, and Christians should advocate for that.
67. Now will always be the hardest time to be a disciple of Christ. The world will keep on trying to distract us from our goal of making it to heaven and being with Jesus forever.
68. We can, however, use what we are given in this world to our advantage to glorify God. We have the capability to fall into distraction, but God gave us all of this in hopes we can use it all to glorify Him.
69. Aside from what we are given in this world, we have gifts given to us by the Holy Spirit to grow the Church and serve the world.
70. Science is real. It and religion in general can coexist. Science is the study of God's creation. Something proven by science should be accepted as fact.
71. We are called to care for our world around us as it is God's creation. The same logic applies to as to why we must take care of ourselves, as we are temples of the Holy Spirit.
72. Nowadays many people do bad things and claim God's name while doing so as if to make it look justified. Beware of these false teachers, as they are not acting Christ-like in their actions and beliefs.
73. These false teachers will give Christianity a bad reputation, and it is up to us followers of Christ to correct those who act like this along with those who falsely believe Christianity is a religion of hate.
74. Do not underestimate the power of God. So many people have mocked Him and He has taken matters into His own hands many, many times before.

75. Ultimately, the best form of entertainment is Christian entertainment, whether that be movies, music, books, memes, et cetera. All other entertainment is not inherently sinful, but rather those centered around more sinful topics are so.
76. It may not always be evident whether or not a certain piece of entertainment is bad or not, in that case it is best to use good, God-driven judgement to make decisions like that.
77. Despite how much of culture is secular, that does not mean that Christians have to withdraw from it entirely. We must set aside the sinful values of society while interacting with the secular world through a Christian lens.
78. Visions that people may have pertaining to the faith should be examined through the lens of Scripture to affirm or deny their validity.
79. All things will ultimately be made new in Christ at the end of the age. One of our responsibilities as Christians is to embody God's kingdom here on earth before the end.
80. Angels and demons exist and are created by God. The angels serve God and help the faithful, while the demons are fallen angels bent on deception and destruction,
81. God will eventually triumph over evil. We must not overestimate the power of Satan nor underestimate the power of Christ.
82. We must not find the greatest hope in the things of this world, but in seeking to be in communion with God forever.
83. Everything written in this confession is written glorifying God alone. Our lives should be a reflection of these points, and more importantly what Scripture says about living life.
84. We hold these truths with humility, consistently open to further guidance by the Holy Spirit.
85. As followers of Christ Jesus, our mission is to love God, love our neighbor, and to make disciples of all nations, so that all people may praise Him.
86. To God the Father, through Jesus Christ the Son, in the power of the Holy Spirit, be all glory, honor, and praise forever and ever. Amen.